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1. TEN-MAN CABINET OF TFSC PRIME MINISTER NEJAT KONUK WAS ANNOUNCED JULY 4. SIX OF THE TEN MINISTERS ARE NEW FACES AND NINE OF THE TEN WERE ELECTED IN THE JUNE 20 ELECTIONS. BIOGRAPHIC INFO FOLLOWS:

2. NEJAT KONUK (PRIME MINISTER). BORN 1928; GRADUATE OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY; PRACTISED LAW IN BURSA, TURKEY 1955-60; RETURNED TO CYPRUS AND WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY GENERAL TO PRESIDENT OF TURKISH COMMUNAL CHAMBER; RETURN-
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ING FROM A VISIT TO TURKEY, HIS ENTRY INTO CYPRUS WAS BANNED

BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION 1966; RETURNED SECRETLY WITH MR. DENKTASH TO CYPRUS AND WAS CAUGHT BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, DETAINED FOR 12 DEYS AND LATER SENT BACK TO TURKEY 1967; UPON RETURNING TO CYPRUS IN 1968 SERVED AS UNDERSECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH COMMUNAL CHAMBER AND THE VICE PRESIEENT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION; SERVED AS MEMBER (MINISTER) FOR JUSTICE AND INTERNAL MATTERS 1969-75; ELECTED MP FROM NICOSIA 1970; REELECTED MP 1976; SERVED AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL UNITY PARTY. HE IS SINGLE. IV GRANTEE IN 1973.

3. VEDAT CHELIK (DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS). BORN 1935; GRADUATE ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY, CARDIFF UNIVERSITY (1959); FIRST SECRETARY OF CYPRUS EMBASSY IN ANKARA 1961-68; UNDERSECRETARY TO PRESIDENT OF TURKISH COMMUNAL CHAMBER 1968-72; TURKISH CYPRIOT POLITICAL LIAISON OFFICER WITH UNFICYP 1968-72; MINISTER OF TRADE AND TOURISM 1973-75; MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE 1975. DEPUTY FROM KYRENIA. IV GRANTEE IN 1972.

4. ORHAN ZIHNI BILGEHAN(MINISTER OF STATE AND INTERIOR). BORN 1929. STUDIED LAW IN LONDON; FAMAGUSTA DISTRICT JUDGE 1960-68; MINISTER OF EDUCATION 1973-75; SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 1976; DEPUTY FROM FAMAGUSTA. IV GRANTEE IN 1975.

5. EROL KIAZIM ANDAC(MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS). BORN 1933. TMT MILITARY HEAD FOR NICOSIA; MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS SINCE 1968; DEPUTY FROM NICOSIA.

6. NAIL ASAF (MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM). BORN 1931. STUDIED ECONOMICS IN ENGLAND; DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EVKAF (TURKISH CYPRIOT RELIGIOUS TRUST WHICH OWNS/ OPERATES SEVERAL FACTORIES, BUSINESSES AND OTHER PROPERTIES.) ONLY NON-DEPUTY IN CABINET.

7. HAKKI M. ATUN (MINISTER OF HOUSING AND REHABILITATION) BORN 1935. GRADUATE OF ARCHITECTURAL FACULTY, ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY; POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN PLANNING AT MANCHESTER UNCLASSIFIED

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UNIVERSITY 1961-63; SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY OF LABOR, REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL AFFARIS SINCE FEBRUARY 1975. DEPUTY FROM FAMAGUSTA.

8. IRSEN KICHUK (MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE). BORN 1940; GRADUATE AGRICULTURAL FACULTY, ANKARA UNIVERSITY; TURKISH CYPRIOT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE 1968-73; PRESIEENT KOKKINA FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION 1968-72. DEPUTY FROM NICOSIA.

9. KENAN ATAKOL (MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES). BORN 1937; STUDIED ARCHITECTURE AT MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA; REPRESENTED TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN UNDP WATER PROJECT; MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES SINCE OCT. 1974; DEPUTY FROM NICOSIA.

10. DR. ALI R. ATUN (MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS). BORN 1926; GRADUATED ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY; CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, FAMAGUSTA 1961-72; DIRECTOR NICOSIA HEALTH SERVICES SINCE 1972. DEPUTY FROM FAMAGUSTA.

11. MEHMET ALTINAY(MINISTER OF FINANCE). BORN 1946. GRADUATE ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE FACULTY, MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY; FAMAGUSTA OFFICE DIRECTOR OF CYPFRUVEX (CYPRUS FRUITS AND VEGETABLE MARKETING COMPANY). DEPUTY FROM FAMAGUSTA.

12. DR. DERVISH EROGLU(MINISTER OF EDUCATION). BORN 1938; GRADUATE ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL FACULTY. TRAINED IN UROLOGY IN ANKARA 1969-72. DEPUTY FROM FAMAGUSTA. CRAWFORD

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